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QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE HUMAN RIGHTS

Administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document E/CN.4/1998/L.16 entitled "The right to food"

A. Request contained in the resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraph 6 of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.16, the Commission on Human Rights would endorse inter alia the proposal made by the Consultation on the Right to Adequate Food to have a follow-up meeting in 1998 to pursue the discussions on the contents and means of implementation of the right to adequate food in order to provide the High Commissioner for Human Rights with a full set of recommendations concerning her response to the request of the World Food Summit.

B. Relationship of request to the programme of work

2. The activity referred to above, which stems from Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, falls under programme 19 (Human Rights), subprogramme 1 (Right to Development, research and analysis) of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/51/6/Rev.1).

3. It also falls under subprogramme 1 (Right to Development, research and analysis) of Section 22 (Human Rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would organize a two-day meeting in the course of 1998 for the above-mentioned purpose.

D. Modification of the programme of work

5. The description of the programme of work under subprogramme 1 of Section 22 of the programme budget for 1998-1999 would be modified through the addition of a reference to a "meeting on the content and means of implementation of the right to adequate food" under subparagraph 22.40 of "Activities: (b) Other substantive activities" .

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. The preliminary estimated full cost of the above activity is itemized as follows:

Section 22

		1998
A.	Consultants	
	Recruitment of one consultant for the preparation of background papers (one month)	$ 13,800
B.	Travel of experts	
	Travel to Geneva for two working days of three experts on the right to food	$ 13,100
	TOTAL	$ 26,900

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[To be filled in later]

F. Potential for absorption

7. No provision has been made under the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 to cover the above activity. It is envisaged that such activity would be covered by any available extra-budgetary resources for the purpose.